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(Continued from Page Eleven.) Marchand should be punished; but, after all, was he the judge to determine such punishment as he knew would be hers? Might she not be the victim of a social system, even as old Lum Simons had been her victim? He looked across at her desperate eyes, at her outstretched hands.

"If I forget Atranto," he said, "will you tell me what Snyder and Wu Trang are doing tonight?"

She studied him, furtively at first, then straight in the eyes. "You tell the truth, don't you?" she said. "Well, that's more than Snyder and Fuller do, so here goes for the truth with you," She puffed on her cigarette. "I don't know where Snyder and Fuller are. They took the car and went off, across the river, 1 think. They told me that they would telephone me before midnight. That's all I know about them-but you can stay with me till they call."

"That's another story." She knocked off the ash. "Wu has taken a submarine down the Potomac, and is walting for tonight to run up Occoquan creek."

"Do you remember the Chinamen who were arrested? Well, they are out at the Occoquan workhouse. One of them, Wu thinks, has the Triangle. Wu is afraid that he'll try to slip out if he stays there any longer, so he's going to kidnap him tonight."

"In the submarine?" "Possibly. But, if that won't work, then the machine is to be on the Richmond read."

"At what time?"

"Wu plans to land at 9 o'clock near the workhouse brick yards."

"And that's all?" "That's all I know now."

"You won't double-cross, Zita?"

"How can I?" "Nor hurt Madeline?"

"Nor hurt Madeline." "Then, adlos."

"Adios."

him. They were on the road to the shore.

As he turned into Pennsylvania avenue from Fifteenth street he saw Earl Godwin, of The Times staff, he beached the submarine near standing in front of the Willard, talking to a man whom for the moment Knowles took for Fuller. For house dormitories, held right silence. an instant he thought to join the It seemed to Knowles that he must writer and his companion, then de- have been there an hour, but when he adventures? Madeline's voice brought cided against it. If Godwin knew looked at his radium-faced watch he Fuller well no warning would be needed. If he didn't, what was the use? Afterward he was to regret the decision. As it was he proceeded to its sound rather than its shape the Raleigh, almost happy in the Knowles knew it for the submarine thought that at last he was on the of which Mrs. Thayer had told him. road to circumventing the enemies of There came to him suddenly the

in the lobby. "Barry will take me for Wu on the Richmond road if esto Pohick Church," she told him. cape to the submarine were cut of "They won't watch him the way they from him after he had rescued the

her, looking at his watch. It was start up the bank. Before he knew it to Occoquan. Remembrance of some either side of him. Pullman and pursued. something they called "The Last Ride | Knowles reached for his revolver, an-Together," rushed to him as she ac- ticipating trouble. cepted his invitation.

Who knows but the world may

"I hope it won't," she said with bank of the creek. The next he was downright, matter-of-fact directness. He smiled in the thought that Made- gone, utterly, completely vanished. line, like himself, had come from



He had not intended to tell her that he was going to intercept Wu Tsaug. but under the influence of the music, the shaded lights, the sense of her nearness, he broke down his own re-"Oh, you mustn't go alone, she said.

"Why not?" "He'll kill you."

Wu. If you don't call the police to condoled as Knowles passed him.

as well asquiesce.

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"The brickyard at Occoquan at 2." them."

It was one of those nights when the Pohick. "Adios."

It was one of those nights when the Pohick.

The look in her eyes haunted him fog hangs like a gray blanket over she went out into the mauve beauty the Virginia shore, lifted only here. Marchand-and in his power-the They were almost upon the work-Snyder and Fuller according to the lly, like Indians slipping in to a sleepinformation Mrs. Thayer would bring ing village, they crept down to the

Down on the bank the water lapped against the shore. The four men, crouched low against the ground near | ter go in to have that.' enough to let him climb the steep, winding road leading to the worksaw that it was exactly 9 as a gurgle sounded in the water offshore and something came to the surface. By

thought that he had failed to tell the Madeline herself came to meet him officers of the car which was to wal! "Are you dining alone?" he asked from the top of the strange boat and just 6:30. In an hour he must start could happen there was a rush at drin he knew that they were being verse he had learned in his college Grant and Kelly jumped forward, days, Browning he thought it was, about to pounce upon the Chinaman.

As if the earth had swallowed him, end tonight?" he quoted as they went | Wu Tsang disappeared. One moment he had been there, creeping up the

impulse they flashed their search lights. No figure fell within the

radiance. Wu was gone. Only the beached submarine on the bank proved to them that he had ever

cover from his surprise. "Sound the Walk into the trap. "You don't fight the devil except moment the upper bank was bright "And you need with moving lights. "Anyhow, Wu it for Wu Tsang's machine, and knew plenty of fire for the nine devils in won't get what he came for." Kelly that it had met the Chinese on the after our heroes at that, and, hang it

out of the lobby at 7:30 and found might be at having prevented a jail the car. three men standing beside a touring delivery. He had counted on the

He had no time to explain to the "Hear that you've a line on Wn?" major of his need, "Give me this course." the major said, as they swung to- car," he yelled to the police chauf- "Well, of all the --- "

ward the bridge over the Potomoc, feur. "You can get another for said Knowles. No one said another him, believing it an order, and it spinning down the pike toward Tsang.

as he went out into the mauve beauty the Virginia shore, lifted only here when Washington used to drive there Barry Henderson was holding himself of the Washington twilight, but he and there by a vagrant wind from the in his coach from Mt. Vernon, when between her and the other man felt somehow reassured by his dis- river. Mile after mile the thud of George Mason would come to service Knowles was fighting Fuller. But game became less mysterious, more house lights of Occoquan before was the first at the rendezvous that akin to those he had seen played in Knowles realized how far they had Barry Henderson had chosen "Leave way they battled. "He got me," he his old Western days. He would go come. "Ten minutes to 9," Kelly said, it to a sailor to go ghost-hunting," heard Henderson moan. to the hotel, call Henderson and Kini- They skirted the workhouse, taking climbed back to run in the machine. that if only they could reach the platball-if Kimball might be found-and the turn toward the brickyards. A Awed a little by the time and the set out to Occoquan. They would take little way from the higher chimney place he sat at the wheel until here a moment," he whispered to her. will turn him over to the police for on the bank of Occoquan creek they within the enclosure, and Madeline was close to one of the high windows. the Chinaman eliminated, deal with Major Pullman ordered. Then stealth- with you?" the navy man asked, overhead. He pulled himself up, inch.

out." Knowles objected.

comes," Madeline sald, "and we'd bet-Outvoted, he went with them, too place curiously ghostly, its white news standing out in relief. What up the stairs, tragedles had it seen, this old Pohick we can piece the chart."

The moment of the culmination of their task brought to Knowles no thrill. Instead, the fear that Kimball might not come rose high in him. Moments passed. He was growing clammily cold with apprehension when he thought he heard a footstep. Then suddenly a shot rang out and a bullet pierced the window back of where the three of them stood.

Recklessly he jumped to the door, flinging it open. He could see no one, but the feeling persisted that some one was very close. "Get out in Archie Knowles had disappeared, vanthe car," he ordered Madeline. Henderson lifted her from the doorway the Washington Monument. There to the machine as Knowles took the was no sound breaking upon the night wheel and drove the car out to the air. The far-away stars held their road and toward Washington. Somewhere on the way to Alexan-

Slowly, but rejentlessly, he could hear another car gaining upon his. "Come Back." Who was it? Wu, Fuller, and Snyder? Or might it be Kim? Or the police? He threw on full power, darng the violation of the speed laws, but always the pursuing car gained upon him. They were coming into Alexandria when he tried a trick, whirling around the machine so that it stood on a side road, facing the

oncoming car. the pursuer came over the top of the As the car went past them he saw two men huddled down in the front seat and knew them for their game! They had fired the shot cover, and they had succeeded. They way to prevent the meeting. What fools the three of them had been to

To Knowles, however, the knowl- he knew how Wu had disapeared, to nab him. However, we will have He laughed at her concern, but the edge that Wu had escaped was worm. He had simply slipped back into Oc. a good, ripping story in Chapter result of it annoyed him as he went wood, however satisfied the officers coquan creek, swam up to the Rich XXIV tomorrow from the fertile

"Of course not, you blithering 'rum ound chaser.'

"Don't get fresh, young man, I'm a Irginia officer, empowered to---"Well, go shead, and go fast," He went, but not with rapidity. When he had ended his search lie spoke to Knowles: "Where you reckn to be going "

"Washington."

"You ain't aimed right. Turn about and get on that highway." He had to obey despite his intention of eluding his pursuers by slipping iown the byroad. At the first crossing he saw the misfortune of the officer's order; for on the crossing stood the car bearing Snyder and Fuller. Knowles threw on all speed, only to see them rush out after him. The next crossing showed him Wu's He heard that join the pursuers. Well, it was out and run now. Madly he flung the machine forward on the highway, whirring through sleeping Alexandria, past the flats of St. Asaph, past the radio towers at Arlington, and over the bridge. At the bridge Snyder's car was almost upon them, but the spurt of speed that Knowles gained as he rushed into Potomac Park gave him slight leeway. He could hear Madeline's frightened gasp as she saw the Chinaman's car follow them with their nearer pursuers. Under the blue lights of the Bureau of Engraving the chase grew closer. As hey neared the base of the Monument the other cars were almost upon them. Then fatefully, a tire gave way with the sizzling, hissing sound of an explosion. "Run for it," he heard Henderson shout. "Get in the Monument."

In front of the door of the great shaft Knowles stopped the engine. Henderson , swung out Madeline and Knowles leaped after them. He turned to shut the door that Henderson had opened, but a gust of air blew it back upon him. A man leaped at him from the outside. "Climb," Henderson was shouting.

Up the spiral stairway Henderson and Madeline were going in the dark. Knowles groped his way after them. Some one was clutching at him, and he fought his assailant off. some one passed him, and he heard Henderson's gasp. A pocket light flashed in the tavernous blackness. In the instant of illumination he saw Snyder above him and Fuller just beword as the car rolled over the Vir- Knowles, jumping to the wheel, sent fer gleamed the yellow face of Wu low him on the stairs. Back of Ful-

> from Gunston Hall, loomed spectrally sven if he worsted him, there wa out of the fog. Knowles, running the Wu Tsang. On which side was the car up to the gates, realized that he Chinaman? And how would it end? Higher and higer up the diszying he thought as he opened the gate and he called to him. He had the feeling He feit Madeline's hand. "Stand and Henderson alighted. "Is Kim He could look out and see the stars "Then let's go inside to wait for by inch, till he could view the sleeping city. Below him Washington lay "It's easier to get away if we stay quiet, its lights glimmering sleepily. "We'll need some light if he airplane was in sight. No sound broke the quiet until, suddenly, a shot rang out somewhere on the grounds below. He strove to see from whence if accustomed to strange happenings to came. Only a shooting star flickered notice that Barry unlocked the door down the sky and fell somewhere in with a key. Inside he found the the Virginia woods. Escape, he knew, was impossible. Death was creeping

> Henderson, on his other side held out a hand to him. The three of them stood together, waiting the inevitable him from reverie, "As soon as Kim He could hear Madeline's quick comes," she said, "we will know if breathing. Something moved two steps below, and he knew that Snyder was trying to overtake them. A step below him came Fuller. Wu Tsang was but two steps beyond him. Suddenly a light blazed in the depths the cavern of the Monument. . In its glow Major Pullman, Inspector Grant and Kelly stood revealed. "Come down," Kelly shouted, "or

> > der and Wu Tsang, looked downward. shed into thin air from the top of

To be continued tomorrow in ; chapter written by William Wolff Smith, editor of the soldiers' weekly

FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF "CAMOUFLAGED"

And today, in Chapter XXIII w Snyder and Fuller. So that had been C. Foster, is some real literary ge nius. Ben S. Allen in the preceding into the church to bring them from chapter had "Billy the Goat" swallow the triangle, and later when must have known that Kim was com- saw Mr. Allen he declared that the ing to meet them and had taken the triangle was "now out of the story -but here comes Mr. Foster rigar back on the job, and he has Wu Tsang ring in something like a half Knowles set his hand to the wheel dozen copies of the original chart to send the car up the by-road when and triangle. That Chinaman is cer another car came over the top of the lainly some marvel when it comes to hill. He waited its passing. As it quick thinking-he has Jacques Fuwent by he cursed his carelessness on trelle's "thinking machine" backed the way to Occoquan. For he knew completely off the boards-here he Richmond road, as Mrs. Thayer had all, he vanishes into thin air just as said it would. With keen hindsight Pullman, Grant and Kelly are about mond road bridge, come out and met brain of Capt. William Wolff Smith. Had the Chinaman seen Snyder and surgeon general's office-and we can Chinaman's elimination from the con- Fuller, he asked himself. He thought anticiante a fitting finale to Mr. car at the curbstone. For he knew test. Now he realized that he had that he must have recognized their Foster's of today, as Captain Smith is that Major Pullman and Inspector to keep on fighting him as well as car and guessed at their pursuit, a well-known literary genius, and it would be overtake them? And could goes without saying that he will ining for him, and he knew that Made- Wu was at large down in the Vir- the three of them outwit Snyder and Ject a bundle of thrillers into his ing for him, and he knew that Madeline had managed to get the message derson and possibly Kimball were on A sharp voice, lifting from the fog. Remember—if you please, that chapter which will keep us all guessto them. How she had done it, he did their way to Pohick Church spurred sounded at his side. "Beckon I'll just we are nearing the end of "CAMOUnot know, but he knew, as they mind him to quicker thinking. He must search you," it announced and a tall FLAGED"—and your opportunity to get to Pohick as fast as motor could figure climbed to the step of the car, write the last chapter is rapidly ap-"For what?" Henderson snapped. proaching-two hundred and fifty dol-"What do you a'pose? Whiskey, of lars will just about fix you up for that trip to Atlantic City next sumThe Store Closes at 12:30 Thursday

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